



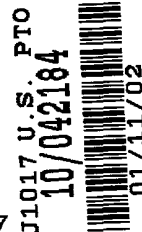
01/11/02



1300 I Street, NW ■ Washington, DC 20005-3315 ■ 202.408.4000 ■ Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com

ERNEST F. CHAPMAN
(202) 408-4096

January 11, 2002



ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 07040.0117
CUSTOMER NUMBER: 22,852

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

New U.S. Patent Application
Title: **TYRE ASSEMBLING APPARATUS**
being a Continuation of PCT International
Application No. **PCT/EP00/05972**, filed on June 27, 2000
Inventor and Address:

1) **Adamo SALA**
Agrate Brianza (Milano), Italy

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. **PCT/EP00/05972**, filed on June 27, 2000, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 99830497.6 filed on July 30, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/155,129, filed on September 22, 1999.

1. Application 28 pages, including 2 independent claims and 19 claims total (as amended).
2. Preliminary Amendment, including Appendix to Preliminary Amendment.
3. Abstract of the Disclosure.
4. Drawings 7 sheets of drawings containing 11 figures.
5. Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 01/08874.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

January 11, 2002

Page 2

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	19	-	20	0	x \$18	
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x \$84	
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$280	
Subtotal						\$ 740.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						-
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 740.00

8. A check for \$740.00 is enclosed for the filing fee.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 99830497.6 filed on July 30, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/155,129, filed on September 22, 1999.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Please address all correspondence with respect to this application to:

Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow,
Garrett & Dunner, L.L.P.
1300 I Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-3315

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

January 11, 2002

Page 3

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Sincerely,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

By:



Ernest F. Chapman

Reg. No. 25,961

EFC/FPD/sci
Enclosures

2007-01-10 10:43:00